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# BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

2015 JUL - 1 P 4: 44 Arizona Corporation Commission SUSAN BITTER SMITH POCKETED AZ CORP COMMISSION **BOB STUMP** DOCKET CONTROL JUL 0 1 2015 **BOB BURNS** DOUG LITTLE TOM FORESE **DOCKETED BY** E-04204A-15-0233 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. UNS ELECTRIC, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS **APPLICATION** 2016 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNS Electric" or the "Company"), through undersigned-counsel, hereby submits its 2016 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff ("REST") Implementation Plan ("Plan") for Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") approval, in compliance with A.A.C. R14-2-1801 et seq. <sup>1</sup>

UNS Electric remains committed to compliance with the 2016 REST requirement of six (6) percent of retail sales (or 93,834 megawatt hours ("MWh")) as cost-effectively as possible. Key components of the Plan include: (i) new renewable energy resources intended to be added through 2020 (through both purchased power agreements and Company-owned facilities); (ii) new and existing programs and the associated budgets for such programs; and (iii) a new, lower REST surcharge to recover the cost of the Plan. UNS Electric proposes to recover approximately \$5.2 million through the REST tariff to implement the Plan. The estimated cost to implement the Plan is approximately \$6.8 million, which will be partially offset by applying \$1.6 million of carryover funds from the 2014 budget. In order to implement this Plan, UNS Electric requests that the Commission decrease the current REST surcharge of \$0.0100 per kWh to \$0.0070 per kWh. UNS Electric is not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For its Plan, Exhibit 3 (AMCCCG) and Exhibit 5 (Implementation Plan New Resource Costs) are confidential and will be provided to Commission Staff upon execution of a protective agreement.

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proposing any incentives for non-residential projects, consistent with previous Commission decisions. At this time, current retail sales and renewable energy production forecasts show that UNS Electric will be able to achieve compliance for 2016 for the residential portion of the Distributed Renewable Energy Requirement in A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D); however, UNS Electric will not meet the non-residential portion of the Distributed Renewable Energy Requirement in A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D) and will require a waiver of that provision.

UNS Electric believes it is in the public interest to implement cost-effective, customer-based solutions to meet the Company's REST requirements while providing safe, reliable and affordable energy to its customers. Accordingly, UNS Electric requests that the Commission to issue an order prior to December 31, 2015 to be effective January 1, 2016 that:

- 1. Approves its 2016 Renewable Energy Implementation Plan;
- 2. Lowers the REST surcharge from \$0.0100 to \$0.0070 per kWh for 2016, while retaining the 2015 monthly caps for all customer classes; and
- 3. Provides a waiver from compliance with the non-residential portion of the Distributed Renewable Energy Requirement set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2015.

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2016 Renewable Energy Standard Implementation Plan

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<sup>\*</sup> Confidential

#### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UNS Electric, Inc. ("<u>UNS Electric</u>" or "<u>Company</u>") has prepared its 2016 Implementation Plan ("Plan") in compliance with the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("<u>Commission</u>") Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff ("<u>REST</u>") Rules pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code ("<u>A.A.C.</u>") R14-2-1813. The cost-effective strategy set forth in the Plan demonstrates UNS Electric's commitment to fulfilling the REST requirements for 2016 and beyond. Key components of the Plan include: new renewable energy resources to be added through 2020; proposed and existing Company programs and budgets; and related REST tariff.

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1804 and R14-2-1805, UNS Electric must obtain six (6.0) percent of its 2016 annual retail sales from eligible renewable resources; thirty percent (30%) of that renewable energy must come from eligible distributed generation ("DG") resources. Further, UNS Electric must meet one-half of its annual DG requirement from residential applications and the remaining one-half from non-residential, non-utility applications. UNS Electric plans to satisfy all or part of the annual requirement using existing utility-scale renewable generation and credits; power purchase agreements ("PPA") with renewable developers; new utility-owned renewable generation; and DG resources.

To fund these efforts, UNS Electric is proposing to recover approximately \$5.2 million through the REST tariff. The estimated cost to implement the Plan is approximately \$6.8 million, which will be partially offset by applying \$1.6 million of carryover funds from the 2014 budget. This funding is necessary to: cover the cost of utility-scale renewable generation (including the excess cost of renewable PPA compared with conventional generation); incentive payments for DG resources; REST programs; education and outreach efforts; and administrative expenses. UNS Electric expects its annual REST budgets for 2017-2020 to average approximately \$5.9 million per year. (see Exhibit 1) (Line Item Budget).

UNS Electric's Plan demonstrates the Company's commitment to meeting the Annual Renewable Energy Requirement and the residential portion of the DG requirement in the most cost effective manner. To satisfy the non-residential portion of the residential DG carve-out requirements, UNS Electric is seeking a waiver from the Commission for the requirements of A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D). UNS Electric requests that the Commission approve the Plan, as well as its associated budget and tariff prior to December 31, 2015, to be effective January 1, 2016.

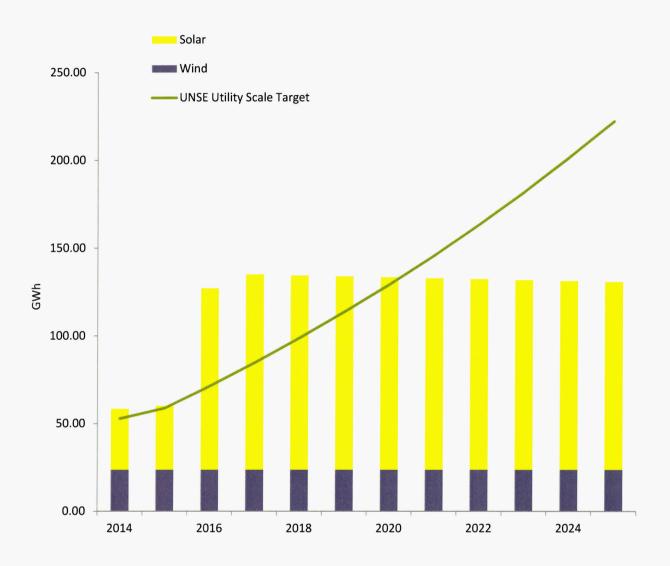
### II. 2016 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COMPONENTS

UNS Electric's Annual Renewable Energy Requirement as set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1804 is six (6.0) percent of retail kWh sales, a level projected to equal 93,834 megawatt hours ("MWh"). The REST requirements target two resource categories: (1) utility-scale generation; and (2) DG. UNS Electric intends to expand its utility-scale generation portfolio and enhance its Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan.

#### A. Utility-Scale Renewable Generation

UNS Electric will satisfy the 2016 utility-scale requirement through renewable resources capable of producing approximately 135,245 MWh (see <u>Table 1</u>). These resources include Company-owned systems and utility-scale projects developed through PPAs. Company-owned resources include a 1.2-MW solar array in Kingman and a 7.2 MW solar array near Rio Rico. Resources secured through PPAs include a 9.9 MW solar array near the Company's Black Mountain Generating Station in Mohave County and a 10.3 MW combined wind and solar resource in the Kingman area. The Company is also proposing a 5 MW solar array to be sited within Mohave County. In addition to assisting non-residential DG requirements, these projects will provide UNS Electric with enough renewable power to meet or exceed its utility-scale REST requirements in 2016. <u>Graph 1</u> below shows how UNS Electric's current and planned resources will allow the Company to satisfy its utility scale REST requirements through 2020. <u>Table 1</u> details UNS Electric's utility-scale projects, including existing systems and planned resources.

**Graph 1. Renewable Energy Standard Targets** 



**Table 1. Utility Scale Generation** 

Project	Capacity MW (DC)	I Annual VIWh I		Expected In- Service Date	UNSE Owned
E	xisting Renewal	de Generation			
Kingman Wind Farm	10	23,652	Wind	Operational	No
Kingman Wind Farm (Solar)	0.3	692	Fixed PV	Operational	No
Black Mountain Solar	9.9	22,881	SAT	Operational	No
La Senita	1.2	2,095	Fixed PV	Operational	Yes
Rio Rico	7.2	11,427	Fixed PV	Operational	Yes
Total Existing	28.6	60,747			
Project	Capacity MW	Annual MWh	Technology	Expected In- Service Date	UNS E Owned
Brig	ht Arizona Sola	ar Buildout Plan			
UNSE 5 MW	5	9,152	TBD	2016	Yes
Total Future - BASBP	5	9,152			
F	uture Renewabl	e Generation			
Red Horse II (Expansion)	30	65,345	Fixed PV	Jan-16	No
Total Future – Pending (Contracts)	30	65,345			
Total Planned Generation (Contracts)	63.6	135,245			
Total Planned Generation thru 2016	63.6	135,245			

<sup>\*</sup>Note Capacity reported in AC value

## B. Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan

In Decision No. 74877 (December 23, 2014), the Commission approved \$5 million each for 2015 and 2016 for the UNS Electric Buildout Plan. Under the Buildout Plan, the Company will complete a procurement solicitation to build a new solar PV facility in 2016. This process will reduce design, engineering, and procurement costs, allow the use of a single interconnection, and create an opportunity to satisfy the minimum 5 MW requirement to qualify for a state production tax credit. The UNS Electric Buildout Plan has been an essential component of the Company's renewable energy strategy; however, as shown in <u>Table 2</u> below, the Company will

no longer request recovery of new expenditures through the REST, other than those approved. UNS Electric will continue to invest and expand its utility-scale portfolio, but will recover those costs through traditional methods.

Table 2. Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan Investment Timeline

	Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan							
Program Year	Year Installed	Annual Capital Investment	Recovered Through REST	Approx. MW				
2015	2016	\$ 5,000,000	Yes	Combined w/ '16				
2016	2016	5,000,000	Yes	5.50				
2017	TBD	5,000,000	No	2.85				
2018	TBD	5,000,000	No	2.85				
2019	TBD	5,000,000	No	2.85				
2020	TBD	5,000,000	No	2.85				

The revenue requirement includes recurring costs related to the capital investment, including return on investment, depreciation, property taxes, and operations and maintenance ("O&M") expense. UNS Electric seeks continued recovery of these costs through the REST tariff as approved by the Commission until such investments and related costs can be included in base rates. The revenue requirement for investments made from 2017-2020 will not be recovered through the REST. Each column shown in <u>Table 3</u> represents the expected revenue requirement for UNS Electric's capital investment from the prior year. <u>Table 4</u> shows expected cumulative annual revenue requirements.

Table 3. Revenue Requirement for the Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan

Revenue Requirement		2016	2017	2018	2	019	2	020
Carrying Costs	\$	516,948	\$ 653,440	\$ 531,289	\$	-	\$	-
Book Depreciation		291,667	500,000	500,000		-		-
Property Tax Expense	T	20,558	-	43,085		-		-
O&M		38,192	75,000	77,250		-		_
Lease Expense		10,000	-	-		-		-
Total Revenue Requirement	\$	877,365	\$ 1,228,440	\$ 1,151,624	\$	-	\$	Ŧ

Table 4. Estimated Annual Budget for the Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan

Utility Owned Solar Projects by Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2014 - Rio Rico 7.2 MW	\$ 835,698	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2015 - No expected project completions	_	-	_	-	-
2016 - TBD 5.0 MW	41,667	1,228,440	1,151,624	-	-
Annual Revenue Requirement	\$ 877,365	\$ 1,228,440	\$ 1,151,624	\$ -	\$ -

## C. Distributed Generation Incentive Program

UNS Electric is not proposing DG incentives for 2016, consistent with previous Commission decisions. Based on current retail sales and production forecasts, the Company expects to meet the residential DG carve-out requirements in R14-2-1805 (D) through the retirement of RECs in 2016. Although the Company owns sufficient RECs from non-residential distributed generation resources, these facilities are utility-owned and currently not eligible for compliance purposes. Therefore, UNS Electric is requesting a waiver of the non-residential DG requirement for 2016. The Plan includes funds for performance-based incentives ("PBI") awarded in prior years, before those incentive programs were discontinued. To fund these programs, the budget for the proposed incentive program is \$892,297. Existing PBI allocations are shown in Table 5, as well as the relative MWh and MW achieved.

Table 5. PBI Budget

	2016	Annual MWh	Annual MW
PBIs	\$ 892,297	8,225	4.7

# D. Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation

Consistent with the REST rules, UNS Electric calculates program expenses using the Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation ("MCCCG"). Details on the methodology

for the MCCCG calculation are included in Exhibit 2. The annual MCCCG rates are calculated in advance and stated as a dollar-per-MWh value by technology type. The Above Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation ("AMCCCG") expenses are based on PPA pricing after subtracting the corresponding MCCCG based on projected hourly energy profiles. See Exhibit 3 (AMCCCG) and Exhibit 5 (Implementation Plan New Resource Costs), both of which are confidential. Associated capacity can be seen in Exhibit 4 (Implementation Plan New Resources). The profiles are determined by UNS Electric's production cost model in coordination with the Company's annual Purchase Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause ("PPFAC") filing. The MCCCG is included for wind, PV systems, concentrated solar with storage, and bio-fueled renewable resources. Due to a sharp decline in the price of conventional fuels, the AMCCCG for 2016 has increased substantially when compared to previous years.

## E. Schools Vocational Program

In previous REST plans, UNS Electric had a program that allowed for the donation of solar PV systems to public high schools within its service territory. During the years that the program was in existence, all of the public high schools within UNS Electric's service territory received a modest sized PV system of approximately 5 to 7.5 kW. Since that time, there have been several schools that were built within the service territory, and they have reached out to UNS Electric to see if they can participate in a similar program. UNS Electric is requesting that the Commission approve \$60,000 of funding in order to provide solar PV systems to these schools.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibits will be provided to Commission Staff upon execution of a protective agreement.

## III. THE PLAN BUDGET

As stated previously, the cost to implement UNS Electric's Plan will be \$7 million. The Plan's detailed budget is attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (Line Item Budget). <u>Exhibit 1</u> includes a breakdown of the costs for renewable energy, the DG programs, schools vocational program, research and development, outside services support and reporting, technology, and marketing. <u>Table 6</u> includes a high-level Plan budget.

Table 6. Plan Budget by Category

Category	Buc	dget
Utility Scale	\$	5,500,311
Existing Large Non-Residential PBI		892,297
Operating Costs (Education & Outreach,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Technical Training, IT, Metering, Labor &	ł	
R&D)		397,703
2016 Program Costs	\$	6,790,311
Carryover		1,597,603
Total 2016 Plan	\$	5,192,708

## IV. THE 2016 REST TARIFF

The Company's REST tariff (Rider R-6) and proposed Statement of Charges (both clean and redline versions setting forth revisions to the REST surcharge) are attached as Exhibit 6.<sup>2</sup> UNS Electric's Plan calls for lowering the tariff charge from \$0.0100/kWh to \$0.00700/kWh and also maintaining the current monthly caps for all customer class. The caps were developed using the proportional cap allocation method previously approved by the Commission. Table 7 details

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Customer Load Percentage Analysis is set forth in the attached Exhibit 7.

the Company's approved budget for 2015 and proposed budget for 2016 delineated by rate class. Table 8 sets forth the currently approved customer class caps and the caps proposed for the Plan.

Table 7. 2015/2016 Budget by Rate Class

Rate Class	2015 A	oproved Budget	2016 Pr	oposed Budget
Residential	\$	2,926,700	\$	2,761,880
Commercial		2,512,026		2,033,441
Lighting (PSHL)		7,310		5,544
Industrial & Mining		370,994		380,414
Total	\$	5,817,030	\$	5,181,280

Table 8. 2015/2016 Caps by Rate Class

Rate Class	2015	Approved Caps	2016	Proposed Caps
Residential	\$	3.40	\$	3.40
Commercial		90.00		90.00
Lighting (PSHL)		90.00		90.00
industrial & Mining		10,000.00		10,000.00
PerkWh to All Classes	\$	0.0100	\$	0.0070

## V. RENEWABLE ENERGY BALANCING, INTEGRATION, AND FIELD TESTING

The Company plans to continue its commitment to furthering the integration of renewable energy on its system. UNS Electric typically commits a portion of its REST budget to provide technical support for the adoption of renewable energy. <u>Table 9</u> outlines UNS Electric's proposed budget for this work in 2016.

Table 9. UNS Electric's Integration Initiatives by Project

Renewable Integrtion Initiatives	В	udget
Solar and Wind Forecast Integration	\$	25,000
UVIG, SEPA, & AWEA Membership Dues		7,500
Total	\$	32,500

### A. Solar and Wind Forecast Integration

UNS Electric has been working with the University of Arizona's ("<u>UA</u>") Departments of Physics and Atmospheric Sciences to create and implement a Solar and Wind Integration Forecasting portal. The tool is now functional and is being actively used in UNS Electric's Wholesale Marketing and Operations departments. As DG and utility-scale projects continue to interconnect to UNS Electric's electrical grid, it is crucial for various departments to utilize the weather forecasting tools.

In addition to solar and wind forecasting, UNS Electric also participates in other research that the UA conducts in partnership with Tucson Electric Power ("TEP"). This research includes field testing of solar PV modules and inverters, as well as grid integration studies. In the 2015 REST Plan, these R&D efforts were removed; however, the Company feels that these investments play an essential role in the effective integration of renewable energy onto its system, and is proposing that they be reauthorized. The proposed budget for these programs is \$25,000.

## B. UVIG, SEPA, AWEA

To facilitate its compliance with the REST, UNS Electric actively participates in three renewable industry associations: the Utility Variable (Energy) Integration Group ("<u>UVIG</u>"); the

Solar Electric Power Association ("SEPA"); and the American Wind Energy Association ("AWEA"). High penetrations of solar and wind make UVIG (a variable generation group) relevant, while SEPA and AWEA provide resources and expertise that help the Company manage renewable programs and stay informed on issues facing the industry. The proposed budget for these groups' fees is \$7,500.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The proposed 2016 REST Implementation Plan filed by UNS Electric was developed to cost-effectively comply with the REST requirements. The Company submits that the proposed plan is prudent and in the public interest. The Company also believes that the Bright Arizona Solar Buildout Plan for 2015-16 will create significant benefits for customers by facilitating cost-effective compliance with the REST mandate. UNS Electric respectfully requests that the Commission approve the UNS Electric 2016 REST Implementation Plan as submitted, including a waiver of the non-residential portion of the DG requirement.

# **Exhibits**

# Exhibit 1 Line Item Budget

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Line Item Budget

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UNS Electric Renewable Energy Standard Tariff											
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Line Item Budget	2015		2016		2017		2018	l	2019		2020
Total REST Budget & Tariff Collection:	\$5,580,006	\$	5,192,709	\$	6,868,142	\$	6,555,140	\$	5,247,949	\$	5,113,382
Utility Scale Energy											
Above Market Cost of Conventional Generation	\$ 5,266,131	\$	4,622,946	\$	4,394,029	\$	4,140,873	\$	3,975,263	\$	3,821,305
UNSE Owned	1,948,667		877,365		1,228,440		1,151,624		-		-
Subtotal	7,214,798		5,500,311		5,622,469		5,292,497	Γ	3,975,263		3,821,305
Customer Sited Distributed Renewable Engergy	-										
Annual Performance Based Incetive (PBI)	892,297		892,297		892,297		892,297		892,297		892,297
Meter Reading	6,250		6,250		6,250		6,250	ŀ	6,250		6,250
Consumer Education and Outreach	-		30,000	İ	30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000
School Vocational Program	-		60,000								
Subtotal	898,547		988,547		928,547		928,547		928,547		928,547
Technical Training: Internal and Contractor Training	37,500		37,500		37,500		37,500		37,500		37,500
Information Systems	20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000
Metering	91,365		107,453		112,825		118,466		118,466		124,390
Program Labor and Administration:											
Internal Labor	78,088		63,000		69,300		76,230		83,853		92,238
External Labor	10,000		20,000		22,000		24,200		26,620		29,282
Labor, Materials, Supplies	20,000		20,000		22,000		24,200		24,200		26,620
AZ Solar Website	1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000
Subtotal	109,088		104,000		114,300		125,630		135,673		149,140
Renewable Energy Research and Development:											
University of Arizona research projects	-		25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000
Dues and Fees	_		7,500		7,500		7,500		7,500		7,500
Subtotal	-		32,500		32,500		32,500		32,500		32,500
Total Spending	8,371,298		6,790,311		6,868,142		6,555,140		5,247,949		5,113,382
Carryover of REST Funds	2,791,292		1,597,603		0,000,142		0,333,140		3,247,343		3,113,362
Total Amount for Recovery	\$ 5,580,006	Ś	5,192,709	\$	6,868,142	Ś	6,555,140	¢	5,247,949	\$	5,113,382
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# Exhibit 2

# Definition of Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation

#### Exhibit 2

# Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation 2016 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff

#### **OVERVIEW**

Consistent with the Renewable Energy Standard Tariff ("REST") Rules passed by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), Unisource Electric ("UNS Electric") Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff Implementation Plan contemplates recovery of expenses in excess of the Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation ("MCCCG")." The Commission provided guidance on defining MCCCG in the context of its REST Rules and identified the MCCCG as "the Affected Utility's energy and capacity cost of producing or procuring the incremental electricity that would be avoided by the resources used to meet the Annual Renewable Energy Requirement, taking into account hourly supply and demand circumstances. Avoided costs should include any avoided transmission, distribution, and environmental compliance costs." This exhibit defines the methodology for developing the MCCCG rate for the Company.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Annual MCCCG rates shall be calculated in advance and stated as a single \$/MWh value by renewable technology type. The renewable technology types will be based on projected hourly energy profiles for each type of renewable resource. Annual MCCCG rates will include renewable resources such as wind resources, fixed photovoltaic systems, concentrated solar with storage, single-axis tracking photovoltaic systems, and bio-fueled resources. Specific MCCCG rates would be developed as needed when new renewable technologies or new purchase power agreements are added to the Company's renewable portfolio. Annual MCCCG rates will capture the value of the seasonality and time of day delivery by deriving an average of on and off peak dispatch costs weighted by on and off peak renewable generation. MCCCG rates shall be calculated each year using the companies production cost simulation software AuroraXMP by

EPIS, Inc. and will be done in coordination with the company's annual Purchase Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause ("PPFAC") filing. The hourly MCCCG rate determination criteria are shown in Table 1 below by comparing the types of renewable generation with the resource dispatch type. All projected MCCCG hourly rates are based on an AuroraXMP production cost simulation that forecasts adequate generation and transmission capacity to meet all firm load obligations including system reserve requirements. Finally, the cost of renewable generation above the annual MCCCG rates will be recovered through the REST Adjustor Mechanism and REST Tariff.

**Table 1 - MCCCG Hourly Rate Determination Matrix** 

			ble Generation Re		
		Dispatchable	Firm	Non-Firm	Curtailable Non
		Renewable Generation	Renewable Generation	Renewable Generation	Firm Renewabl Generation
Resource Dispatch Type	Wholesale sales transaction served from existing resource portfolio  No market transactions. Generation available from thermal resource portfolio.	serve firm load and v	will be based on provholesale sales opposmission, distribution	ortunities for that he	our. Costs will inclu
Kesc	Day, week or month ahead purchase transaction to serve firm load requirements.			ed for that hour. Co	sts will include any
	Spot market transaction to serve firm load requirements.	The MCCCG rate wi	that any projected transr	hour.	e spot market price

#### **CALCULATION**

$$\label{eq:mcccg} \textit{MCCCG}_{on} = \textit{Annual Average On Peak MCCCG Rate} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{8760} \textit{PR}_i * \textit{G}_i * \textit{X}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{8760} \textit{G}_i * \textit{X}_i}$$

$$MCCCG_{off} = Annual \ Average \ Off \ Peak \ MCCCG \ Rate = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{8760} PR_i * G_i * (1 - X_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{8760} G_i * (1 - X_i)}$$

 $MCCCG_{Annual\ Rate}$  = Average of on and off peak MCCCG rate weighted by projected on and off peak renewable generation.

It is assumed that there is a specific MCCCG rate for each renewable technology type.

#### Where

 $PR_i$  = Projected AuroraXMP dispatch cost (\$/MWh) for hour i=1,2,...,8760.

 $G_i$  = Projected energy generation in renewable technology resource profile for hour i=1,2,...,8760.

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & if \ hour \ i \ is \ an \ on \ peak \ market \ hour \\ 0 & Otherwise \end{cases} for \ i = 1, 2, \dots 8760$$

Table 2 – UNS Electric's 2016 MCCCG Annual Rates

	MCCCG Annual Rates	\$/MWh
Renewable Technology	Solar PV	\$42.06
Techi	AZ Wind	\$37.20
wable	Biomass	\$37.66
Rene	NM Wind	\$36.72
	Solar CSP	\$42.33

# Exhibit 3

# Above-Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation by Technology \*

\* Confidential \*
To be provided pursuant to the terms of the protective agreement in this docket

# **Exhibit 4 Implementation Plan New Resources**

Exhibit 4

Implementation Plan New Resource

		Ownership	Targeted Completion	2008-2016 Total MW (AC)	2008-2016 Total MW (DC)	! 	Targ	eted Energy	Production (I	MWh or Equiva	ilent)
Line <u>No.</u>	Targeted Generation Resour	ces:				2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<u>Total</u>
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2	Black Mountain Solar	PPA	COMPLETE	8.90	9.87	22,881	22,767	22,653	22,540	22,427	113,267
4	Red Horse II (Expansion)	PPA	6/30/2016	30.00	37.50	38,310	65,345	65,019	64,694	64,370	297,737
5	Kingman Wind Farm (Solar)		COMPLETE	0.24	0.30	ı 692 <sup>†</sup>	689	685	682 ı	678 ı	3,426
6	La Senita		COMPLETE	0.98	Administration of the Control of the	2,095	2,085	2,074	2,064	2,053	10,371
7	Rio Rico	UNSE	COMPLETE	5.76	7.20	11,427	11,370	11,313	11,256	11,200	56,567
9	UNSE 5 MW	UNSE	12/1/2016	4.00	5.00	767	9,152	9,106	9,061	9,015	37,101
10	Wind:	***************************************				1			1	1	
11	Kingman Wind Farm	PPA	COMPLETE	10.00		l 23,652 j	23,652	23,652 <sub> </sub>	23,652	23,652 <sup> </sup>	118,260
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23	Solar PV	UFI			0.73	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	6,390
24	Solar PV	PBI			4.67	8,179	8,179	8,179	8,179	8,179	40,895
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26	Subtotal Non-Residential				6.03	10,559	10,559	10,559	10,559	10,559	52,797
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# Exhibit 5

# **Implementation Plan New Resource Costs \***

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To be provided pursuant to the terms of the protective
agreement in this docket

# Exhibit 6

# Rider-6 Renewable Energy Standard Tariff and Statement of Charges



# **UNS Electric, Inc.**

1st Alternate Original Sheet No.: <u>REST-TS1</u> Superseding: <u>Original Sheet No. REST-TS1</u>

# Rider-6 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST) Surcharge REST-TS1 Renewable Energy Program Expense Recovery

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Mandatory, non-bypassable surcharge applied to all energy consumed by all Customers throughout Company's entire electric service area.

#### **RATES**

For all energy billed which is supplied by the Company to the Customer. The REST surcharge shall be applied to all monthly bills. The REST rates are shown in the UNS Electric Statement of Charges.

Note: An industrial customer is one with monthly demand equal to or greater than 3,000 kW.

For non-metered services, the lesser of the load profile or otherwise estimated kWh required to provide the service in question, or the service's contract kWh shall be used in the calculation of the surcharge.

This charge will be a line item on customer bills reading "Renewable Energy Standard Tariff."

Per Decision No. 73638, effective March 21, 2013, any Customer who has received incentives under the REST Rules, shall pay the average of the REST surcharge paid by members of their customer class. This requirement shall apply to renewable systems reserved on and after January 1, 2012. Any Customer who has a renewable installation without incentives that is interconnected with UNS Electric's system shall pay the average of the REST surcharge paid by members of their customer class. This requirement shall apply to renewable systems reserved on and after February 1, 2013. The average price is shown in the UNS Electric Statement of Charges.

#### UNS ELECTRIC STATEMENT OF CHARGES

For all additional charges and assessments approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) see the UNS Electric Statement of Charges which is available on UNS Electric's website at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com">www.uesaz.com</a>.

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The standard Rules and Regulations of the Company as on file with the ACC shall apply where not inconsistent with this pricing plan.

#### TAX CLAUSE

To the charges computed under the above rate, including any adjustments, shall be added the applicable proportionate part of any taxes or governmental impositions which are or may in the future be assessed on the basis of gross revenues of the Company and/or the price or revenue from the electric energy or service sold and/or the volume of energy generated or purchased for sale and/or sold hereunder.

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Entire Electric Service Area

Rate:

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# REDLINE



# UNS Electric, Inc.

Alternate FifthSixth Revised Sheet No.:
<del>801-1</del>
Superseding Fourth Fifth Revised Sheet No:801-1

# **UNS ELECTRIC STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

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Rider R-2 – Demand Side Management	Surcharge (DSMS)	\$0.0015 per	kWh	August 1, 2014	74599
Rider R-3 – Market Cost of Comparable Calculation as Applicable to		\$0.03003 per	r kWh	Pending	Pending
Rider R-5 – Electric Service Solar Rider Solar Block Energy Rate for Reside Solar Block Energy Rate for Gener Solar Block Energy Rate for Large	ential Electric Service, Rate R-01 al Service, Rate SGS-10	\$0.087445 pe \$0.085495 pe \$0.077991 pe	er kWh	January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013	72034
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# **UNS Electric, Inc.**

Alternate Sixth Revised Sheet No.: 801-1

Superseding Fifth Revised Sheet No: 801-1

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Rider R-5 – Electric Service Solar Rider (Bright Arizona Community Solar™)  Solar Block Energy Rate for Residential Electric Service, Rate R-01  Solar Block Energy Rate for General Service, Rate SGS-10  Solar Block Energy Rate for Large General Service, Rate LGS	\$0.087445 per kWh \$0.085495 per kWh \$0.077991 per kWh	January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013	72034
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# Exhibit 7 Customer Load Percentage Analysis

Exhibit 7 Customer Load Percentage Analysis

2016 Company Prop	osal					
Customer Class	Total Revenue	Percent of Revenue	Average Bill	Monthly Cap	Percent of Bills at Cap	Percent of Load
Residential	\$2,761,880	53.3%	\$2.75	\$3.40	62.8%	50.6%
Commercial	\$2,033,441	39.2%	\$15.63	\$90.00	6.9%	43.6%
Lighting	\$5,544	0.1%	\$0.88	\$90.00	0.2%	0.1%
Industrial & Mining	\$380,414	7.3%	\$7,925.30	\$10,000.00	62.5%	5.8%
Commercial	\$5,181,280	100.0%				100.0%

# Exhibit 8

# UNS Electric Renewable Energy Credit Purchase Program

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Appendix 1: Glossary

# I. Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Distributed Generation?

Distributed Generation (DG) is defined as electric generation sited at a customer premise, providing electric energy to the customer load on that site or providing wholesale capacity and energy to the local Utility Distribution Company for use by multiple customers in contiguous distribution substation service areas. The generator size and transmission needs shall be such that the plant or associated transmission lines do not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

#### What are Distributed Renewable Energy Resources?

Distributed Renewable Energy Resources are applications of appropriate technologies that are located at a customer's premise that displace conventional energy resources that would otherwise be used to provide electricity to Arizona customers.

UNS Electric, Inc. (UNSE or Company) provides programs consistent with these definitions and generally refers to these programs as DG programs. For more information on these and other definitions, please visit the ACC's Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff webpage at <a href="http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/electric/environmental.asp">http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/electric/environmental.asp</a>.

#### What is Net Metering?

Net Metering refers to the production of electricity from a qualifying renewable energy electric generator, such as photovoltaic (PV) panels, used to offset electricity provided by UNSE. Customers deemed eligible for participation in UNSE's Net Metering Tariff will be required to install a bi-directional meter capable of measuring the flow of electricity to and from the customer's premises. Net Metering customers may buy and sell electricity to and from UNSE under the applicable terms and tariff rate.

No system may exceed 125% of connected load for that meter, where connected load is defined as the maximum demand divided by 0.6. For more information on Net Metering, please visit <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/customer/rates/">https://www.uesaz.com/customer/rates/</a>.

#### Why is UNSE involved with DG?

The ACC, which regulates UNSE and utilities like it in Arizona, enacted the Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST) Rules in 2008. These rules require UNSE to replace a substantial portion of its retail sales with renewable energy by investing in a variety of projects, including both utility-scale and DG projects. In order to comply with a portion of the REST Rules governing DG projects. UNSE also supports the interconnection of customer-sited DG systems to its electrical grid, even if RECs were not purchased.

#### What is a UNSE-qualified installer?

A UNSE-qualified installer is an installer that has been evaluated by UNSE personnel and deemed to have met the prerequisites for qualification. In order to become UNSE-qualified, each installer must meet certain UNSE requirements, including but not limited to annual submittal of the necessary paperwork contained within the "Installer's Packet". Each submittal must include, but is not limited to the following: an Installer's Agreement, a current and valid Arizona Registrar of Contractor's (AZROC) license appropriate for the solar technology being installed, Arizona business license in good standing, and similar information regarding any sub-contractor(s), if applicable.

#### Where can I find more information?

For more information about UNSE's renewable energy plans, please consult UNSE's approved 2016 REST Implementation Plan, which can be found online at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/Renewable/">www.uesaz.com/Renewable/</a>. Questions may be directed to (877) 837-4968.

#### What else do I need to know?

Each of the programs described herein, including all terms and conditions, are subject to change as dictated by program need and any and all regulatory authorities.

UNSE's RECPP does not accommodate non-customer sited projects for any reason. "Solar Farms" or other utility-scale generation projects do not qualify under UNSE's RECPP. These projects may participate in UNSE's next request for proposals (RFP) for renewable energy.

UNSE's RECPP does not allow for any aggregated or virtual net metering of a customer's loads under any circumstance.

# II. INSTALLER QUALIFICATIONS

All systems interconnecting to UNSE's system must be installed by an installer properly licensed by the state of Arizona and qualified to install solar projects. UNSE will verify that the installer meets the following minimum qualifications prior to confirming a reservation request:

- 1. The installer must possess a valid license on file with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZROC) with a license classification appropriate for the solar technology being installed. Alternatively, the installer must identify use of any sub-contractor(s) and ensure the subcontractor(s) maintain an appropriate license(s) on file with the AZROC for the solar technology being installed. Installers may not sub contract outside their scope of work per the AZROC rules; and
- 2. The installer must possess an Arizona business license that is active and in good standing. Installers must have completed the UNSE Installer's Packet and have provided the above information to be retained on file with UNSE. The installer must certify that the information on file remains current with the submission of each reservation request. Information on file must be renewed by the end of the calendar year and resubmitted for participation in the upcoming program year.
- 3. Self-Install. If a customer desires to install a PV system on their home, a licensed electrical contractor must perform all applicable connections as required by the customer's local jurisdiction. All project documentation is still required.

# III. NET METERING

Customers interconnecting to UNSE's system may have their solar PV net metered. All policies and procedures regarding interconnection must be followed prior to a net meter being set. All billing structures and rates are subject ACC approval.

# IV. Prohibition of System Removal

Neither the Qualifying System nor any component thereof may be removed by any party, including but not limited to the applicant or future owners or occupants of the property until expiration of the Renewable Energy Credit Agreement or the last day of the final month of the final full calendar year of the applicable incentive payment term. If the Qualifying System or any component thereof is removed by any party in violation of this provision, the customer party to the Renewable Energy Credit Agreement shall immediately reimburse UNSE a prorated amount of the incentive amount paid by UNSE to customer or on behalf of customer to an authorized third party.

In addition, if a Qualified System is removed, UNSE shall monitor that specific customer site to ensure that an additional incentive is not provided for any new distributed renewable energy resource system on that site until the original Renewable Energy Credit Agreement's contracted operational life of the original system has expired.

UNSE shall attempt to monitor the number of missing or non-working distributed generation systems and shall summarize its observations in its annual Compliance Report.

For DG systems that did not receive incentives, the customer must still notify UNSE as to whether the system will be relocated or deemed out of service. This is necessary for UNSE's operations to maintain accurate records.

# V. Community Solar

For customers who do not wish to operate a DG system, UNSE offers the Bright Arizona Community Solar Program. The Bright Arizona Community Solar Program offers an easy and affordable way for UNSE customers to meet their electric needs with locally generated solar power by purchasing solar power in "blocks" of 150 kWh per month. A customer may buy some or all of their power through the program. For more information, please see UNSE's Green Energy webpage at <a href="www.uesaz.com/renewable/home/bright/">www.uesaz.com/renewable/home/bright/</a>.

# VI. Incentives

UNSE currently does not offer any new Up-Front Incentive (UFI) or Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) programs. Only customers who entered into a PBI contract with UNSE in prior years will continue to receive ongoing incentive payments.

# **VII. General Interconnection Processes**

# **Application Process:**

UNSE's interconnection application process appears below. UNSE requires strict adherence to this process. Any deviation from the requirements below may result in your application being denied. If you are working with an installer or contractor, please ensure that they follow the required processes explained below.

### 1st Step: Submittal of the Properly Completed UNSE Application.

\*Please visit <u>www.uesaz.com/renewable</u> for online application submission. Residential applications are to be submitted online or via US Mail. Non-Residential customers must submit paper applications.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Submittal of executed Attachments A & B

Attachment A: Notifies customer that they are subject to future rate changes, as approved by the ACC.

Attachment B: Confirms that the solar PV system was installed according to UNES' Service Requirements (SR), and DG Interconnection Requirements (DGIRs). These can be found at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/customer/construction/esr/">https://www.uesaz.com/customer/construction/esr/</a>.

\* All residential application paperwork must contain the associated project number that is provided upon successful completion of online application

3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Required program documents & other associated paperwork can be forwarded as follows:

Mail may be forwarded to the following address regardless of program:

UNS Electric, Inc. Renewable Resources Department 2498 Airway Ave Kingman, AZ 86401

Emails and Faxes may be sent to the following regardless of program:

renewables@uesaz.com or faxed to 928-681-8999

Paperwork sent directly to any specific employee Company email address may not be processed.

4th Step: Confirmation or Denial of Reservation.

- Once received, UNSE will match the application with the submitted Attachment A & B. It is the customer's and/or installer's responsibility to ensure that all forms are filled out completely and correctly. Forms with missing and/or incorrect information will be placed in a "Missing information" status and will not be approved until corrected. Outdated forms will be rejected.
- UNSE will evaluate each application for completeness. UNSE will also verify, where an installer is used, that the installer is a UNSE-qualified installer. If UNSE has not received a completed installer packet, this will be required prior to application approval. Provided that the application meets UNSE's requirements, and that the installer, if any, is UNSE-qualified, UNSE will issue the customer and installer a reservation confirmation letter and provisionally approve the application.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Step: Submittal of Jurisdictional Final Inspection.

- 1. Failure to obtain a jurisdictional final inspection within 180 days for residential projects, and 365 days for non-residential projects, of the date of the application confirmation letter will result in the revocation of a customer's interconnection application. If this occurs, the customer or installer must reapply to participate in the program subject to all policies, procedures and rates in effect at time of reapplication.
- 2. In the event that a jurisdictional final inspection is not completed within the required timelines and the customer or installer provides proof to UNSE that a correctly completed application for a jurisdictional final inspection was made within the timeline required, UNSE will neither process nor revoke the customer's reservation for 30 days to allow customer time to confirm with the inspecting jurisdiction when the inspection will occur. Provided that the customer provides UNSE with an inspection date within those 30 days, the customer's reservation will be honored. If 30 days elapses with no information from the customer, the application will be terminated and the customer must reapply to participate in the program subject to policies, procedures and rates in effect at time of reapplication.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Step: Submittal of Certificate of Completion (COC) Form.

For all program applications: once the jurisdictional final inspection has been approved, the installer or customer must submit the appropriate COC. It is the responsibility of the installer to be sure that the COC contains the application Project Number, any COC's without a project number are considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

7<sup>th</sup> Step: UNSE will confirm installation of your system.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Step: UNSE process of setting meters.

Upon receipt of the jurisdictional final inspection, as well as the COC, UNSE will set a solar energy production meter and change the customer's revenue meter to a net energy revenue meter.

# **Restrictions/Important Notes:**

- 1. UNSE reserves the right to modify the business process to better serve customers or to increase efficiency. Please refer to <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/renewable">www.uesaz.com/renewable</a> for the most up-to-date information.
- 2. With the exception of minor system modifications during the procurement process, any material changes to a system made after the application is processed will result in cancellation of the existing application and will require a new online application to be submitted. The reservation request may be denied because the request is not in compliance with program requirements (see specific technical sections below).
- 3. Project extensions will not be granted except as outlined herein.
- 4. Receipt of the application is not valid until a properly completed application, appropriate disclaimers and a completed Installer's Packet has been received by UNSE. Any application packets submitted incorrectly will be cancelled as will their corresponding online application.
- 5. UNSE must receive the required program documents; RECPP Reservation Packet and approve the application prior to receiving the meters. ("installed" is defined as the date of the final clearance from the appropriate jurisdiction).
- 6. In order to participate in the RECPP, installers must have on file with UNSE a completed Installer's Packet, including a. This document is available in the Installer's Corner at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/renewable">www.uesaz.com/renewable</a>.

# **VIII. Other Incentives**

# A. Technologies without Technology Specific Criteria

Technology specific criteria have not yet been developed for the following qualifying technologies:

- Fuel Cells
- Other

For applicants requesting incentives for these technologies or for applicants requesting installation of a technology with specific project technology criteria, but where some criteria cannot be met, the applicant will need to submit design and output documentation.

Applicants installing these systems will, at a minimum, need to provide an energy savings and designed output report for the system. The report must include either a testing certification for a substantially similar system prepared by a publicly funded laboratory or an engineering report stamped by a qualified registered professional engineer. The engineering report and/or testing certification shall provide a description of the system and major components, design criteria and performance expectations, applicable standards and/or codes, and a brief history of components in similar applications. Additional information may be required as part of the RECPP requirements.

# **B.** Non-Conforming Projects

Non-conforming projects will be identified as the Program evolves. Incentive levels for such projects will be calculated based on UNSE engineering analysis, independent laboratory analysis, and/or professional engineering (PE) stamps. Non-conforming projects that prove combined economic and renewable energy value will be allowed appropriately calculated incentives within the RECPP. All incentives must be approved by the ACC.

# C. Guidelines for Photovoltaic Projects Interconnecting Without Incentives

Customers may install grid-tied photovoltaic electric systems behind their meter without incentives. If a customer chooses to do so, the customer shall still notify UNSE that a renewable energy generator is being connected to UNSE's grid and complete any associated interconnection processes as defined above, or online at uesaz.com. The process for non-incentive utility interconnection, for both residential and non-residential projects, is available at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/renewable">www.uesaz.com/renewable</a>.

All projects must adhere to applicable SRs and DGIRs. In addition to any applications required by the Renewable Resources department, all systems over 50 kW AC are required to submit Interconnection Applications to UNSE's Engineering department.

# **Appendix 1: Glossary of Terms**

ACC - Arizona Corporation Commission.

AZROC - Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

**Applicant** – Utility customer of record for the Utility Revenue Meter located at the installation site; a builder of the structure (residential or non-residential) who will reserve and install the Qualifying system; or for an off-grid Qualifying System, the property owner for the installation site located within a Utility's service territory.

Arizona Business License – A business license issued by the ACC.

Cancellation - The termination of the Application.

**Commissioned** – Qualifying System certified to be in operation.

**Certificate of Completion** — Written verification signed by the installer and the customer confirming that the system has been installed in conformance with the approved application and that the system is ready for operation.

Conforming Project – Any project utilizing a renewable technology listed in Attachment D.

**Customer** – Utility customer of record for the Utility Revenue Meter located at the installation site or a builder of the structure (residential or non-residential) who will reserve and install the Qualifying System.

**Installer** – The entity or individual responsible for the installation of a qualifying system.

Installed – The date of the final clearance from the appropriate jurisdiction

**Interconnection Inspection** – Inspection performed by the utility to confirm that the system can be safely interconnected to the power grid.

**Non-Conforming Project** – Non-conforming projects include, but are not limited to, projects with staged completion dates, multi-customer or multi-system projects, projects involving more than one technology, projects requiring new or unique agreement terms, projects with technologies for which qualification standards have not been developed or projects requiring non-standard timeframes.

**Performance Based Incentive** ("**PBI**") – Incentive based on a rate per actual kWh output or on equivalent kWh of energy savings.

**Project Costs** – System Costs plus financing costs.

**Qualifying System** – Distributed renewable energy systems meeting the qualifications for production of qualified Renewable Energy Credits in Arizona acceptable to the Arizona Corporation Commission as they may be defined for affected utilities to meet any renewable energy standards.

Renewable Energy Credit ("REC") – One Renewable Energy Credit is created for each kWh, or kWh equivalent for non-generating resources, derived from an eligible renewable energy resource. RECs shall include all environmental attributes associated with the production of the eligible renewable energy resource.

**System Costs** – Costs associated with the Qualifying System components, direct energy distribution, system control/metering, and standard installation costs directly related to the installation of the Qualifying System.

**Up Front Incentive ("UFI")** – One time incentive payment based on system capacity or estimated energy kWh production rather than on measured system output.